Appointment of ladies in the High Court.

144. ❋ **MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of ladies employed in the High Court, either as clerks or as typists; and

(*b*) how many Ezhavas there are in that group?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Three ladies are employed as clerks and one as Ag. typist.

(*b*) None.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member the communities to which the three ladies employed in the High Court belong?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe one is a Nair and the others are Christians. Definite information is not available now.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government have received applications from Ezhava ladies?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, there may have been applications from them.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the earliest date of such applications?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any special reason why Ezhava ladies are not appointed in the Judicial Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): None.

C. I. D. Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department.

145. ❋ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether two Sub-Inspectors are appointed in the Excise Department on special duty as C. I. D.'s to detect cases;

(*b*) when the appointment was so made;

(*c*) the number of cases detected by each of them till 1-1-1109;

(*d*) whether they have been given peons; and

(*e*) the amount of profit realised by the detection work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) They have been appointed on special duty to prevent the smuggling of beedi tobacco and other dutiables and to detect malpractices in the State.

(*b*) 1st Kumbham 1108.

(*c*) Government do not think it advisable to furnish information on this point.

(*d*) Yes. One peon each.

(*e*) No separate accounts are maintained in respect of the profit accruing from the detection work.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : In regard to answer to part (*a*), may I know who was doing the duty of preventing smuggling before the appointment of these two Inspectors ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The ordinary Inspectors.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether any special circumstance was brought to the notice of Government insisting upon the appointment of a special staff for preventing this smuggling ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The Excise Commissioner recommended the appointment and said that the appointment of two separate Inspectors would be more beneficial.

M. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know what was the area that was affected by the smuggling ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I believe, it was the northern parts of Travancore.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : So, am I to take it that Government sanctioned the appointment without taking into consideration the actual necessity and knowing the incapacity of the Inspectors to prevent smuggling ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No incapacity was proved.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Did Government ask the Excise Commissioner the necessity for appointing such Inspectors when he made the recommendation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There was no such necessity for asking that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : So, am I to take it that Government, without requiring the Excise Commissioner to explain why he made such a recommendation for additional staff, came to the conclusion that the appointment is necessary ?

PRESIDENT : The answer, as I understand from the member, is that the Excise Commissioner recommended the staff on certain grounds and Government accepted the grounds and sanctioned the recommendation.

MR. K. KUNJUKISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know what are the grounds urged by the Excise Commissioner for the appointment of the staff ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether any separate jurisdiction has been given to these two Inspectors ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No separate jurisdiction has been assigned to them.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly